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**Re: Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank Elizabeth Lake Area E As-built Report [USACE File No: SPL-2012-00669-BEM, CDFW Tracking No: 1600-2015-0075-R5]**

Dear Interagency Review Team:

In compliance with sections VII.A.1.b, VII.B.1.b, VII.C.1.b, and VIII.D.2.a.2 of the Bank Enabling Instrument (BEI) for the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank, WRA, Inc. (WRA) respectfully submits this letter to serve as notification for the completion of the restoration activities on Elizabeth Lake Area E, a portion of the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank. Included in this letter are the as-built conditions for Elizabeth Lake Area E. Also included are a summary of activities that were conducted during the implementation phase. Photographs of the site prior to and immediately following the construction phase of implementation are also included in Attachment 1, as well as a map of these construction photopoints. Final construction drawings, including all earthwork, fencing, and seeding, are included in Attachment 2. Implementation required no deviations from the Petersen Ranch Development Plan (Development Plan) that resulted in a change to restored habitat or mitigation credits.

In order to complete the restoration activities in Area E, some work was also completed in Area F and is therefore described in this letter. However, no credits will be requested for Area F until that portion of the Development Plan is implemented and a conservation easement is recorded over Area F.

### **Crediting**

Figures 1-4 show the acres of each mitigation type resulting from the restoration activities completed in Area E; this is the same mitigation as proposed in Development Plan. Table 1 summarizes the as-built acres of each mitigation type.

Table 1. Summary of Area E Mitigation

Mitigation Types	Acres
<b><u>404 Mitigation Types</u></b>	
Alluvial Floodplain Enhancement	0.60
Alluvial Floodplain Re-establishment	5.76
Alluvial Floodplain Rehabilitation	5.86
Alluvial Floodplain Riparian Buffer Enhancement	0.48
Alluvial Floodplain Riparian Buffer Re-establishment	46.21
Alluvial Floodplain Upland Buffer Enhancement	7.48
Alluvial Floodplain Upland Buffer Re-establishment	5.47
Ephemeral Stream Enhancement	0.14
Ephemeral Stream Riparian Buffer Enhancement	1.84
Ephemeral Stream Upland Buffer Enhancement	5.59
Freshwater Marsh Enhancement	0.10
Freshwater Marsh Upland Buffer Enhancement	0.28
Open Water Preservation	1.23
Open Water Riparian Buffer Enhancement	8.22
<b><u>1600 Mitigation Types</u></b>	
Alluvial Floodplain Enhancement	0.60
Alluvial Floodplain Re-Establishment	51.69
Alluvial Floodplain Rehabilitation	5.85
Ephemeral Stream Enhancement	0.49
Freshwater Marsh Enhancement	0.10
Open Water Preservation	1.23
Wetland Riparian Enhancement	5.25
Non-Wetland Riparian Enhancement	5.69
<b><u>CESA Mitigation Types</u></b>	
Swainson's Hawk Foraging Habitat Preservation	151.85
<b><u>CEQA Mitigation Types</u></b>	
Bare Ground	0.40
Chaparral	61.72
Great Basin Scrub	62.10
Open Water	1.23
Riparian Forest	13.55
Seeps, Meadows, Marshes	4.20
Valley and Foothill Grassland	13.22

### Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Activities

The habitat restoration and enhancement activities occurred as outlined in Part VI of the Development Plan, with any deviations noted in this report. As described in the Development Plan, Area E activities included earthwork and seeding in the Munz Canyon Restoration Site (Restoration Site #1), and cattle exclusion from the northern part of Area E.

### Earthwork and Road Decommissioning

To encourage natural hydrologic and geomorphological processes, the existing dam crest was lowered so that it is below grade of the upstream fan surface. Figure 5 shows before and after 3-D aerial imagery of the dam area, and construction drawings in Attachment 2 show final contours. Buried riprap was placed on the crest and downstream surface of the dam to provide permanent stabilization. The existing eroded outlet, located to the east of the dam was filled and stabilized to direct surface flows over the dam crest. The voids in the riprap placed on the dam were filled with topsoil and seeded as described below. Excess soil excavated at Munz Canyon was placed in upland stockpile areas described below. Finally, the main access road on the dam of Munz Canyon has been decommissioned and returned to native habitats.

Some earthwork in the Frakes Canyon Restoration Site (Restoration Site #2) also occurred, as described in Part VII of the Development Plan. The existing road was decommissioned and graded out to allow flows to continue onto the downstream floodplain surface. Figure 6 shows before and after 3-D aerial imagery of the road area, and construction drawings in Attachment 2 show final contours. All excess soil excavated was disposed of in the two fill areas shown in Attachment 2. The fill areas were graded to mimic natural topography in the area to the extent practicable, covered in topsoil, and seeded as described below.

### Seeding

After earthwork was completed, the Munz Canyon floodplain was hydroseeded with the alluvial floodplain seed mix shown in Table 2. Site preparation activities in seeding areas included mechanical tilling. A total of approximately 52 acres was seeded with the alluvial floodplain seed mix. The seed mix differs slightly from that presented in the Development Plan, primarily due to availability. The seed mix remains an appropriate representation of local alluvial floodplain flora despite the changes.

Additionally, the portion of Frake's Canyon within the limit of grade and a portion of Area F used for topsoil salvage and stockpile was seeded with an erosion control mix shown in Table 3, as required by erosion control Best Management Practices. A total of approximately 6.5 acres was seeded with the native erosion control seed mix. Frake's Canyon will be seeded with the alluvial floodplain seed mix upon implementation of the Area F Development Plan in a future phase.

Table 2. Alluvial Floodplain Seed Mix

Scientific Name	Species Name	Application Rate (PLS Lb./Acre)	
		Development Plan	As-built
<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	wild tarragon	1.00	0.10
<i>Artemisia tridentata ssp. parishii</i>	Parish's sagebrush	1.00	0.25
<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>	fringed brome	2.00	2.00
<i>Elymus condensatus</i>	giant wild rye	2.00	Unavailable
<i>Elymus elymoides</i>	bottlebrush squirreltail	2.00	2.00
<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>	slender wheatgrass	2.00	2.00
<i>Eriodictyon crassifolium</i>	thick leaf yerba santa	3.00	0.50
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California buckwheat	2.00	1.00
<i>Festuca microstachys</i>	small fescue	4.00	4.00
<i>Lepidospartum squamatum</i>	scale broom	N/A	1.00
<i>Lupinus truncatus</i>	collared annual lupine	3.00	3.00
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	meadow barley	4.00	4.00
<i>Melica imperfecta</i>	smallflower melic	2.00	2.00
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	deergrass	2.00	0.50
<i>Poa secunda</i>	pine bluegrass	4.00	4.00
<i>Salvia apiana</i>	white sage	1.00	0.50
<i>Salvia columbariae</i>	chia sage	1.00	1.00
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	purple needlegrass	4.00	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40.00</b>	<b>31.85</b>

Table 3. Native Erosion Control Seed Mix

Scientific Name	Species Name	Application Rate (bulk Lb./Acre)
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome	20.00
<i>Festuca microstachys</i>	small fescue	8.00
<i>Trifolium ciliolatum</i>	tree clover	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32.00</b>

### Fencing, Gates, and Signage

Approximately 6,730 linear feet (LF) of wildlife-friendly four-wire cattle exclusion fence was installed around the Area E cattle exclusion area (Attachment 2). One 16-foot tube gate was installed in the cattle exclusion fencing, and the existing gate at the main site entrance was left in place. "No Trespassing" signs have been placed at all points of ingress to the property.

## Summary

As we have reached completion of the restoration activities in Elizabeth Lake Area E of the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank, and have demonstrated that the constructed habitats are substantially consistent with the Development Plan, on behalf of the Bank Sponsor we respectfully request release of the Area E Construction Security and the 2<sup>nd</sup> credit release for all Area E credits.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-524-7238 or by email at bello@wra-ca.com.

Sincerely,

Nate Bello, WRA

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## **FIGURES**

Figure 1. Area E 404 Credits

Figure 2. Area E 1600 Credits

Figure 3. Area E CEQA Credits

Figure 4. Area E CESA Credits

Figure 5. Munz Canyon Before and After Aerial

Figure 6. Frakes Canyon Before and After Aerial

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**ATTACHMENT 1: PRE- AND POST-CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS**

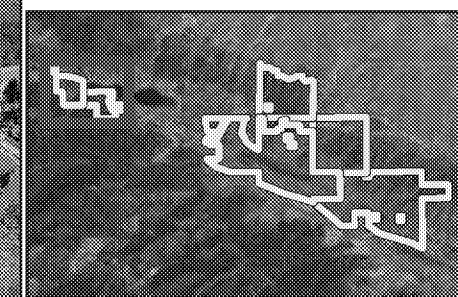
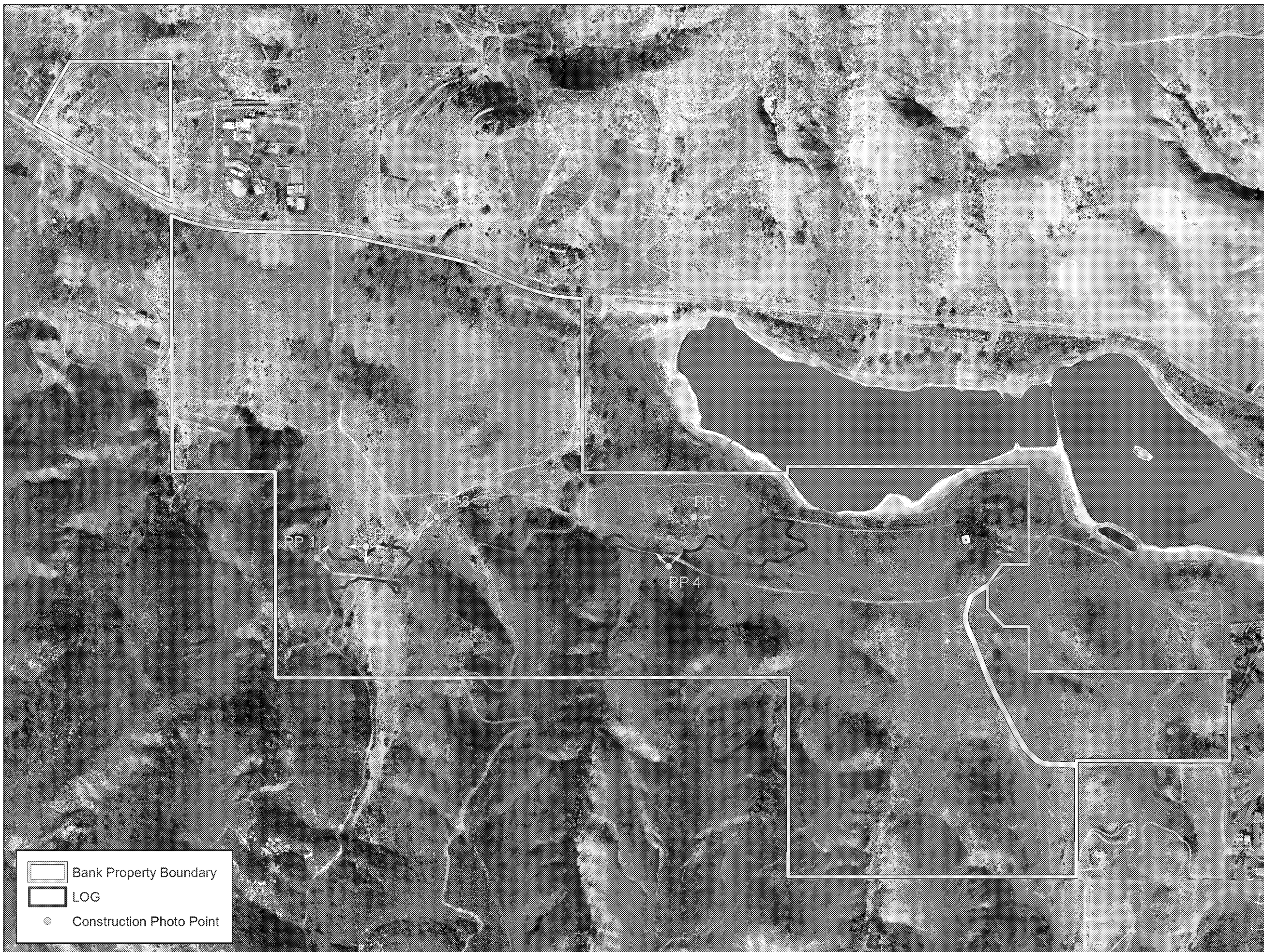
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Los Angeles County,  
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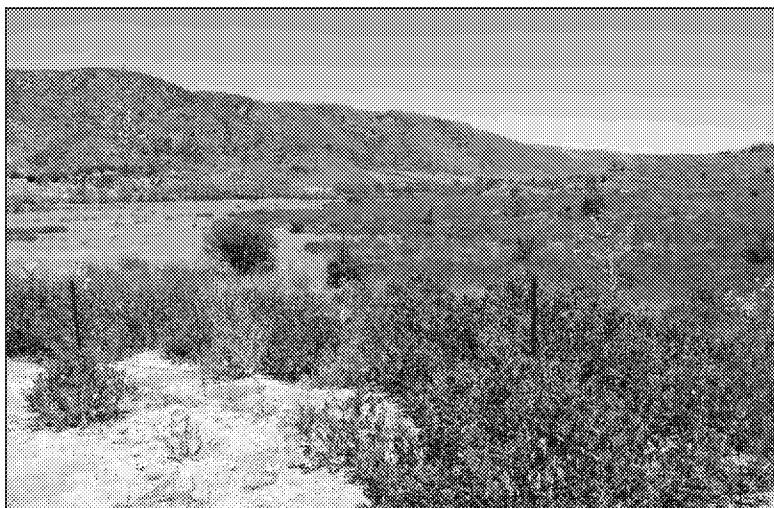
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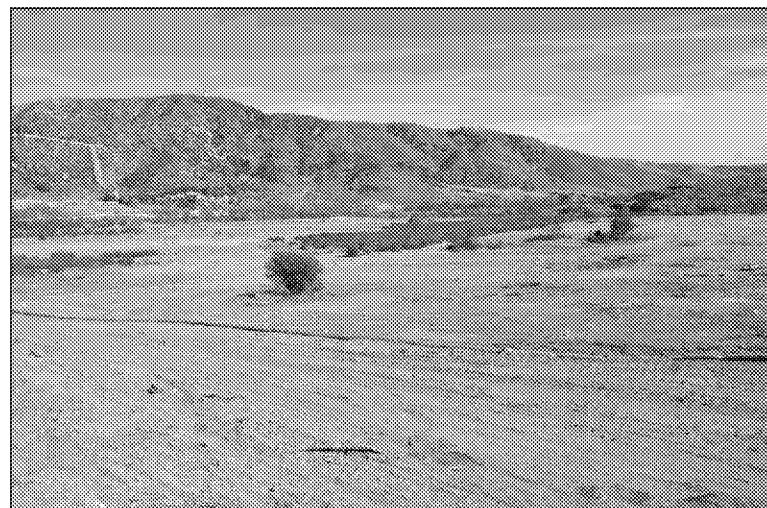
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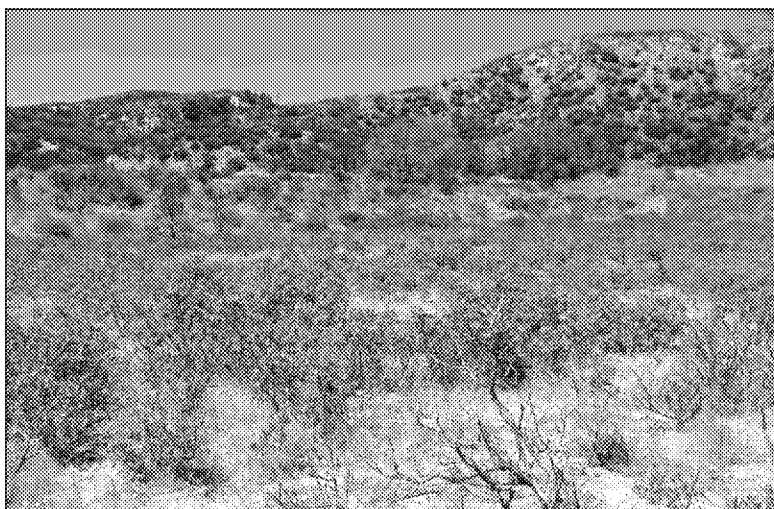
CPP-1 looking northeast on November 16, 2016



CPP-1 looking southeast on July 18, 2016



CPP-1 looking southeast on November 16, 2016



CPP-2 looking west on July 19, 2016



CPP-2 looking west on November 16, 2016



CPP-2 looking south on July 19, 2016



CPP-2 looking south on November 16, 2016



CPP-2 looking east on July 18, 2016



CPP-2, looking east on November 16, 2016



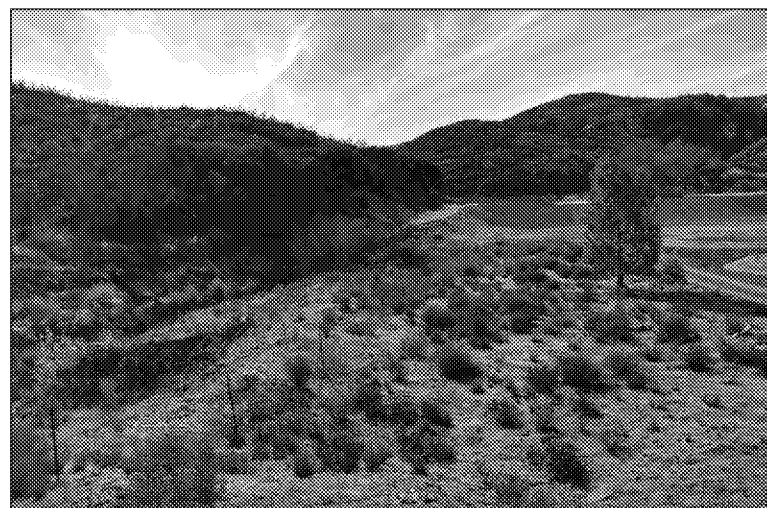
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CPP-3 looking northwest on November 16, 2016



CPP-3 looking southwest on July 18, 2016



CPP-3 looking southwest on November 16, 2016





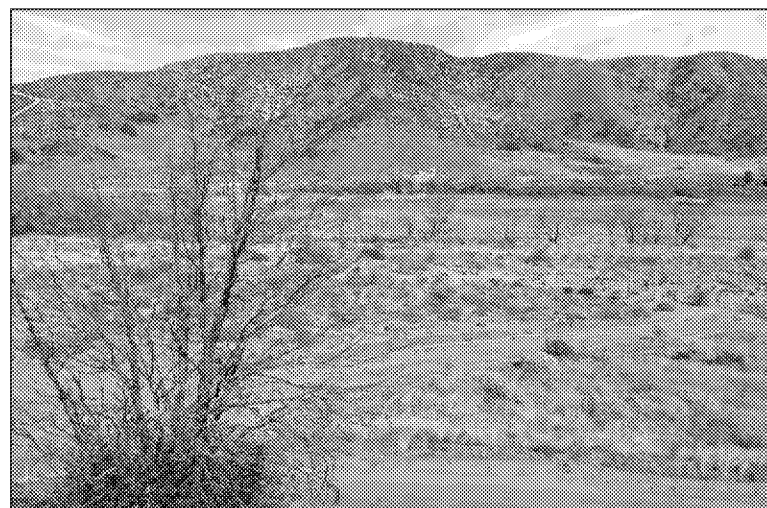
CPP-4 looking northwest on July 19, 2016



CPP-4 looking northwest on November 16, 2016



CPP-4 looking northeast on July 19, 2016



CPP-4 looking northeast on November 16, 2016



CPP-5 looking east on July 26, 2016

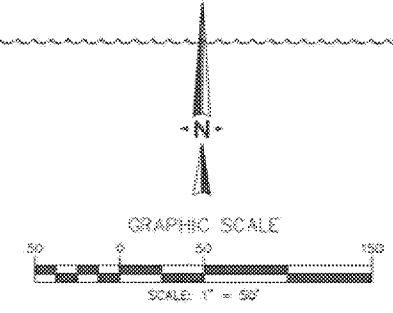
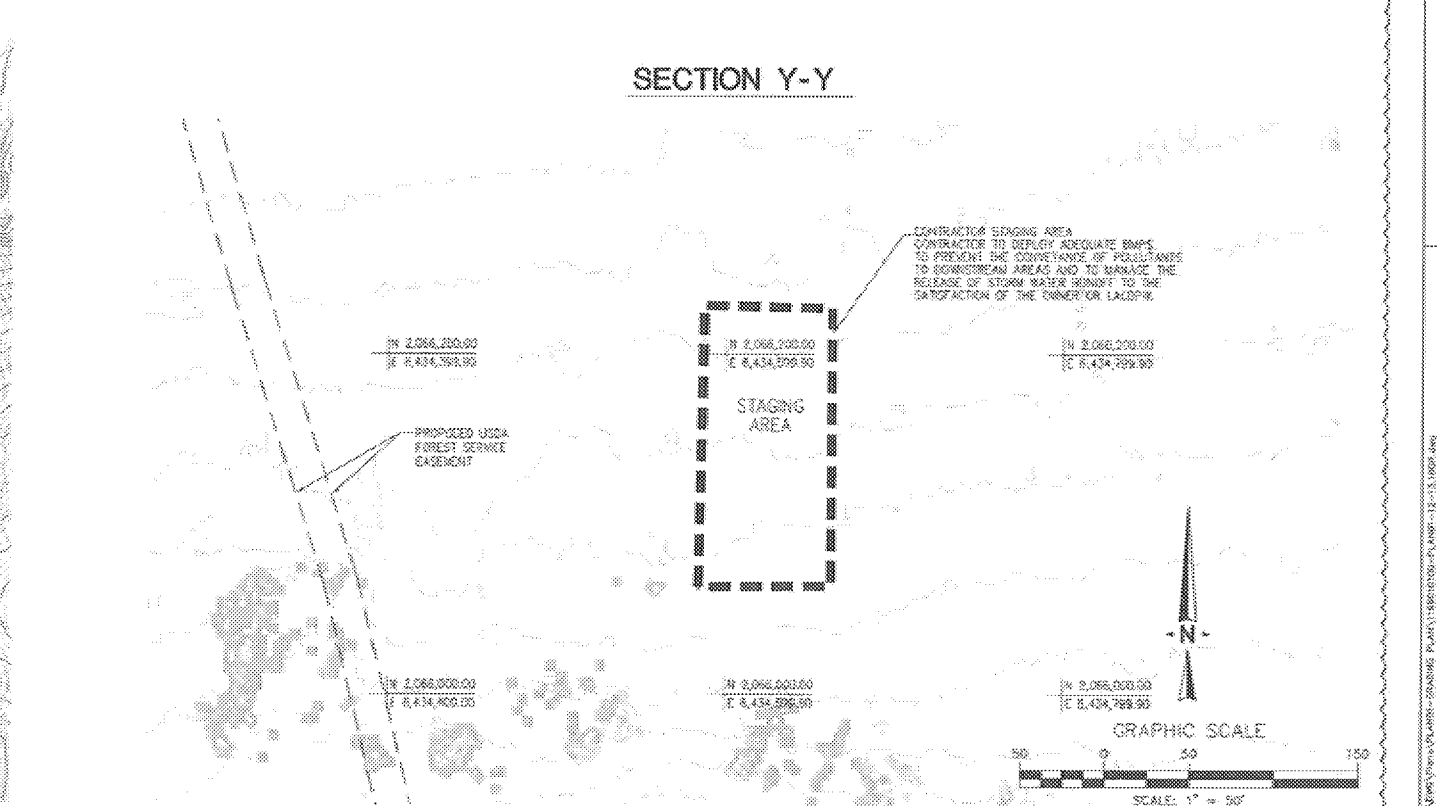
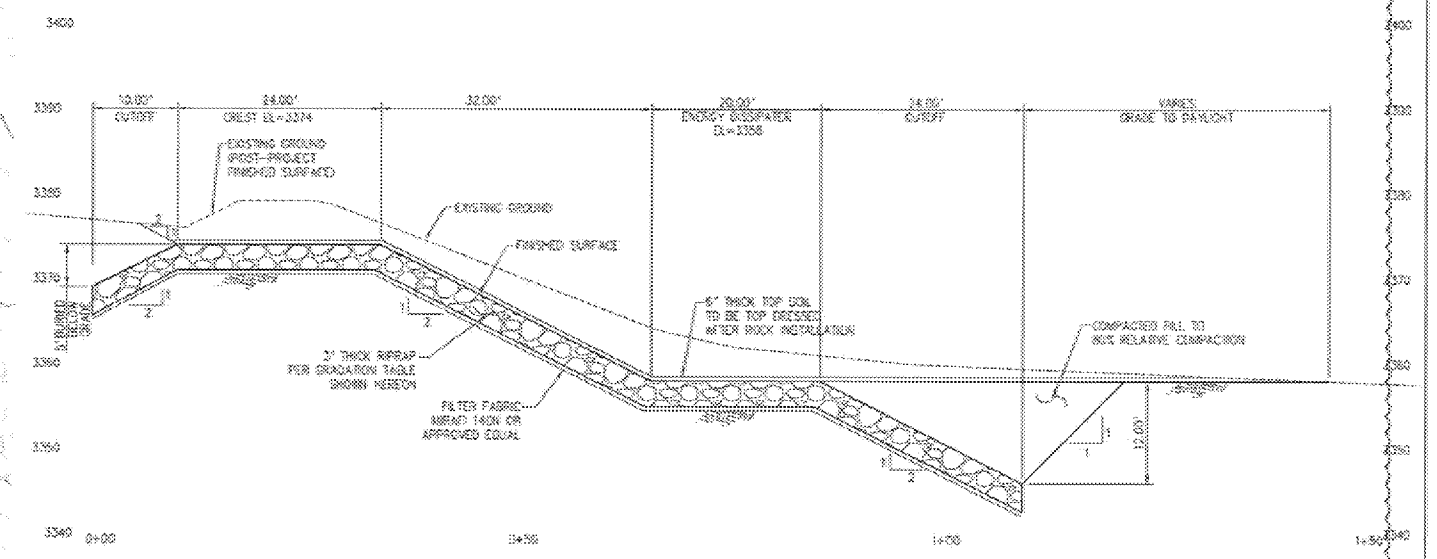
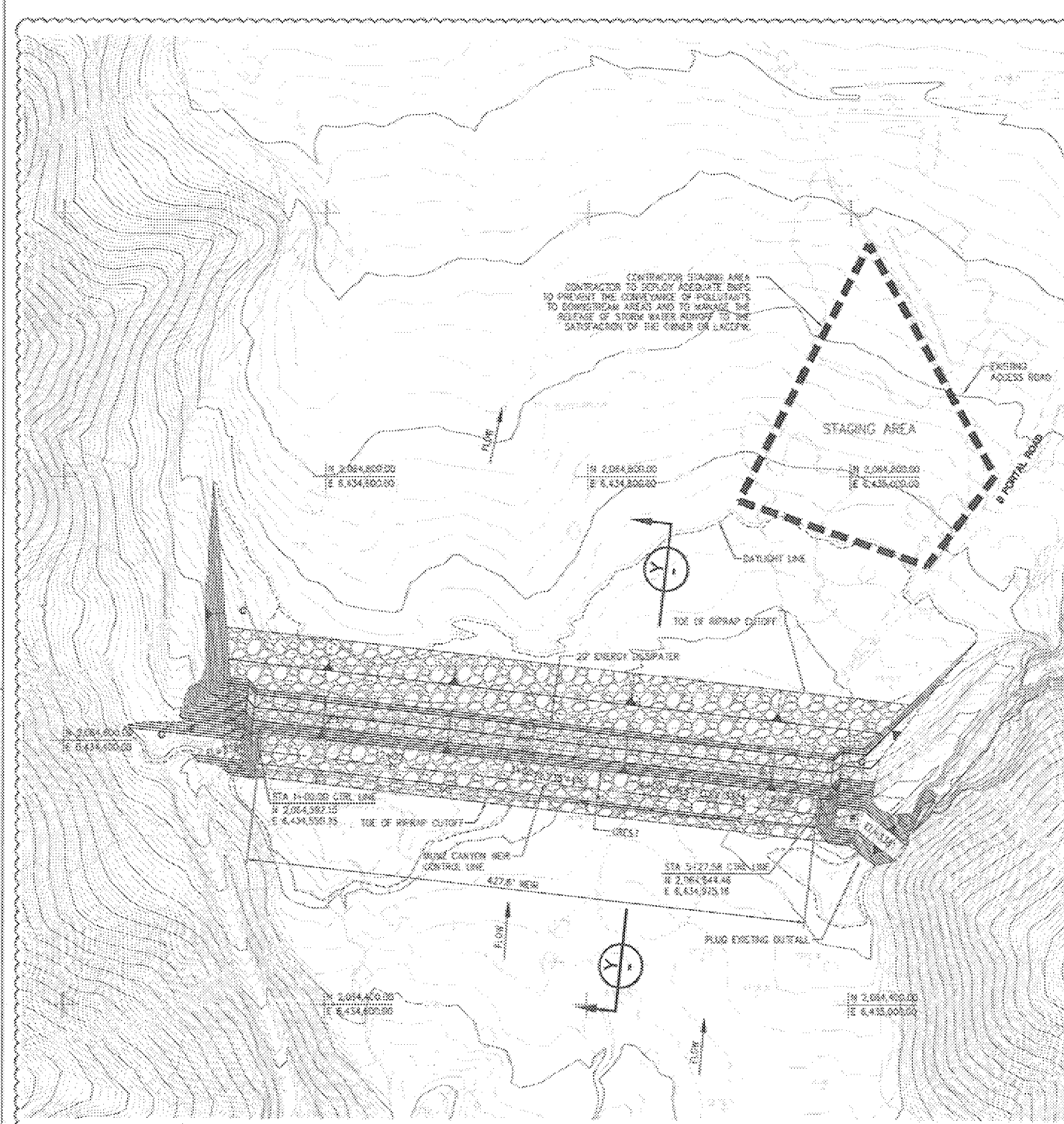


CPP-5 looking east on November 16, 2016

## ATTACHMENT 2: CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS



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— 34.97 —	PROPOSED CONTOUR	▲	TOP OF SLOPE
— 34.97 —	EXISTING CONTOUR	▲	SLOPE RATIO PER PLAN
— 34.97 —	DAYLIGHT LINE	▲	TOE OF SLOPE
— 34.97 —	CUT-FILL TRANSITION LINE	▲	EXISTING TREE
— 34.97 —	MITIGATION BANK BOUNDARY	▲	EXISTING SEASONAL WETLAND
— 34.97 —	PROPERTY LINE	▲	EXISTING TREE & SHRUB CANOPY
— 34.97 —	EASEMENT LINE	▲	

**RRPRAP GRADATION TABLE**

PERCENT LIGHTER BY WEIGHT	LIMITS OF STONE WEIGHT, LBS	SIZES OF STONE DIAMETER, INCHES
91 - 100	9000 - 22500	26.2 - 35.6
16 - 90	450 - 667	20.8 - 33.7
0 - 15	141 - 333	14.1 - 18.8

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**CONTRACTOR STAGING AREA**

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1	CRIST ELEV LOWERED TO 3374 FT, STAGING AREA ADDED			
2	AS-BUILT			

**PETERSEN RANCH MITIGATION BANK GRADING PERMIT PLAN SET MUNZ CANYON PLAN**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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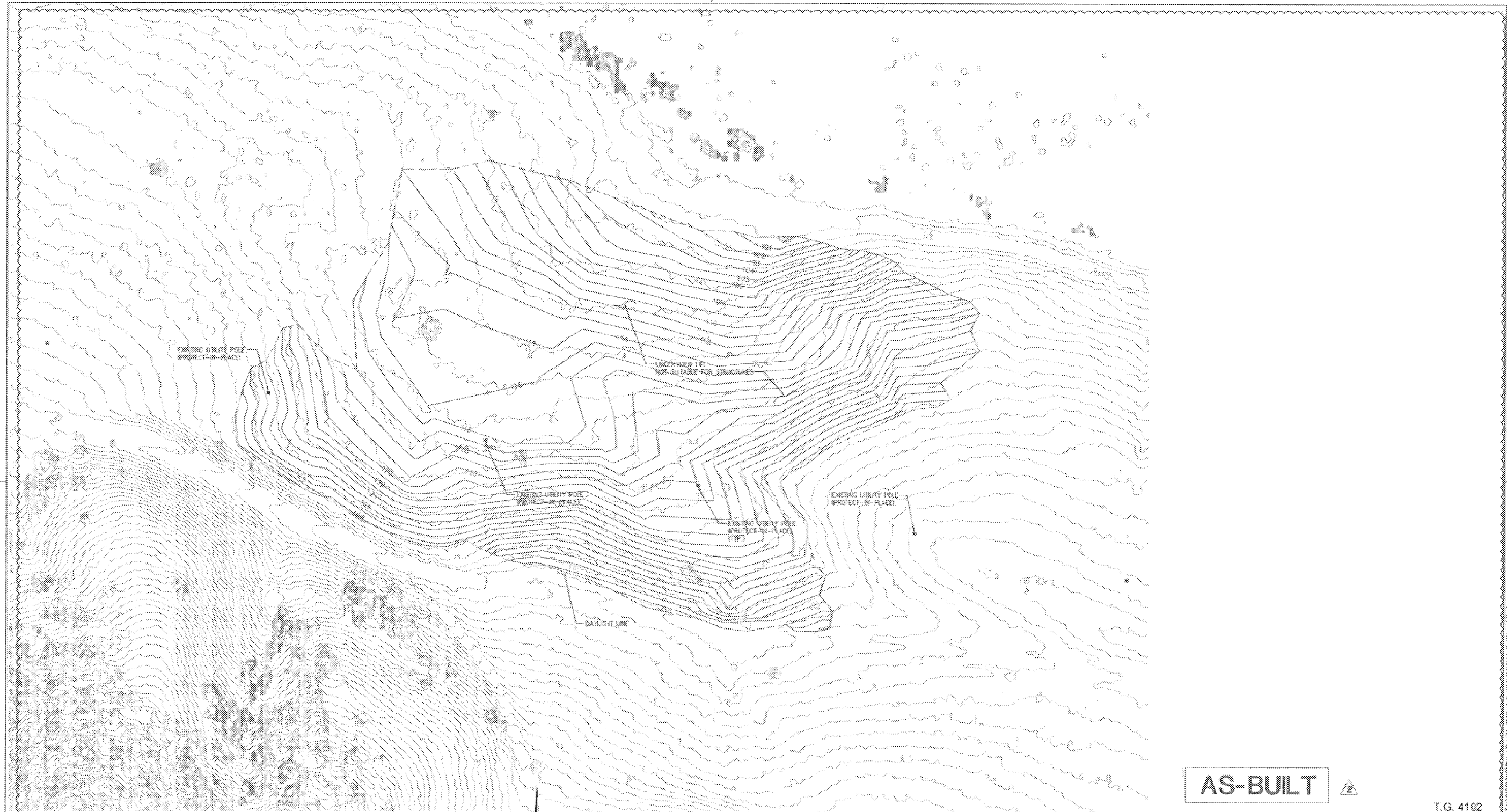
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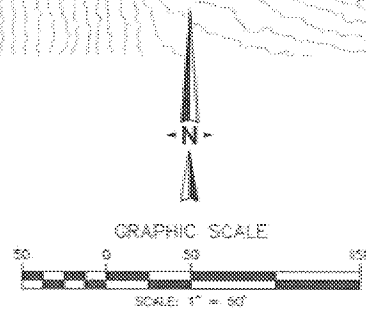
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# LEGEND

- 3487 PROPOSED CONTOUR
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- DAUGHT LINE
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- MITIGATION BANK BOUNDARY
- PROPERTY LINE
- EASEMENT LINE
- EXISTING UTILITY POLES
- TOP OF SLOPE
- SLOPE RATIO FOR PLAN
- TOE OF SLOPE
- EXISTING TREE
- EXISTING SEASONAL WETLAND
- EXISTING TREE CANOPY
- EXISTING SHRUB CANOPY



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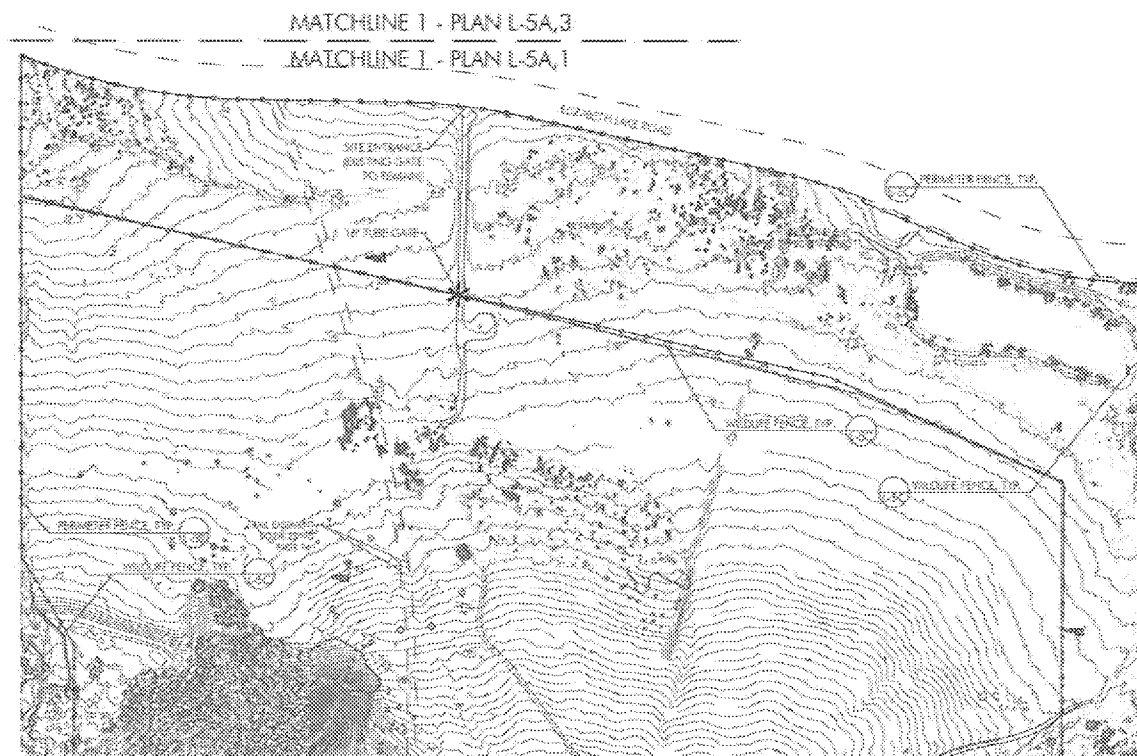
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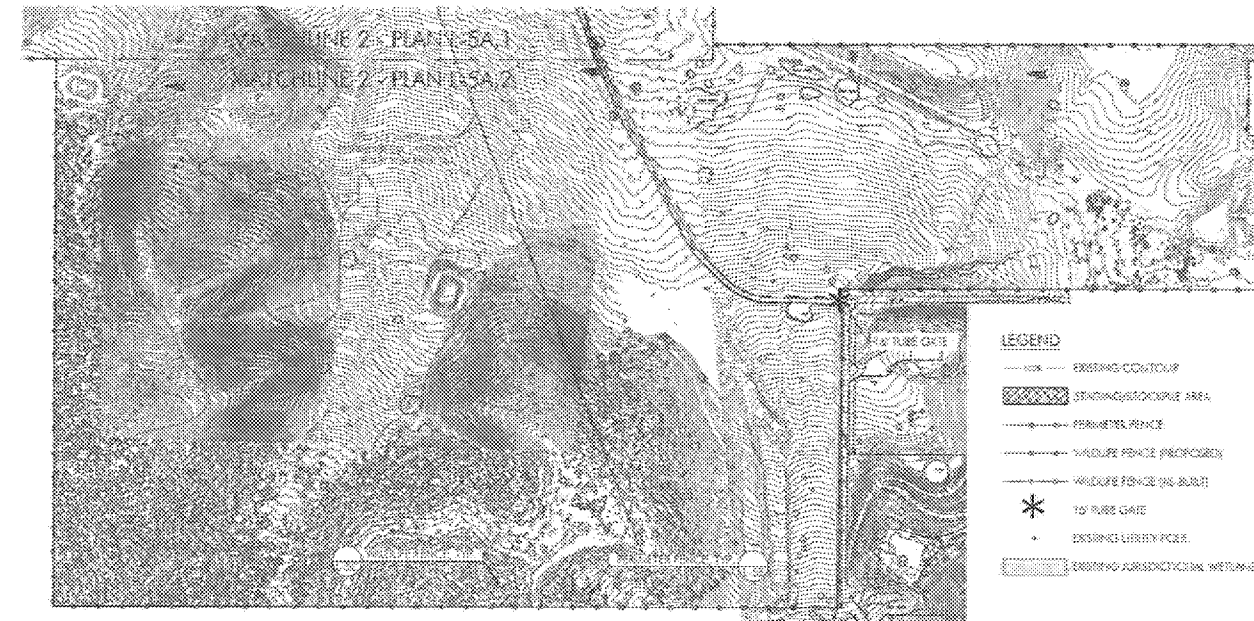
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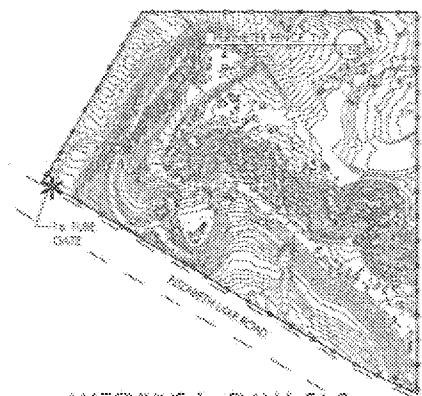
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1" = 200'



2 ELIZABETH LAKE FENCING PLAN VIEW - SOUTHEAST CORNER  
1" = 200'

LEGEND

- EXISTING CONTOUR
- STANDARD CONTOUR AREA
- PERMITS FENCE
- WILDLIFE FENCE (PROPOSED)
- WILDLIFE FENCE (AS-BUILT)
- 10' TUBE GATE
- EXISTING UTILITY POLE
- EXISTING JURISDICTION WITHIN-10'



3 ELIZABETH LAKE FENCING PLAN VIEW - NORTHWEST PARCEL  
1" = 200'

NOTES:

1. CONTRACTOR SHALL CLEAR VEGETATION ALONG FENCE ALIGNMENT. COORDINATE WITH PROJECT BIOLOGIST FOR NEST SURVEYS IF NECESSARY.

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PETERSEN RANCH MITIGATION BANK  
AREA E AS-BUILT SET  
L-5A FENCE PLAN

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Diagram illustrating the components and dimensions of a wire mesh fence system:

- 11'-0" MAX**: Maximum length of the fence section.
- METAL PERCE STAY (42")**: Vertical support post for the mesh.
- STEEL T-POST (6-8")**: Vertical support post for the mesh.
- BARBED WIRE, TYP**: Typical barbed wire used in the system.
- LINE POSTS**: Posts supporting the line of the fence.
- UNDISTURBED SOIL**: The ground surface below the fence.
- Dimensions**:
  - Vertical dimensions on the right: 4'-6", 4", 2'-6", and 12".

3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE TWO "TRESPASSING" SIGNS AT 600-FOOT INTERVALS.

Diagram illustrating the installation of a Lodgepole post into the ground. The diagram shows a cross-section of the post and surrounding soil. Key components and dimensions are labeled:

- LODGEPOLE POSTS - SEE DIMENSION CHART IN SPECIFICATIONS**: Points to the vertical post.
- 4"**: Dimension indicating the width of the post.
- TAMPAED BACKFILL**: Points to the material immediately surrounding the post.
- 3'-6"**: Dimension indicating the height of the backfill above the gravel.
- END OF POST SET MINIMUM OF 2" INTO GRAVEL**: Points to the bottom of the post.
- UNDISTURBED SOIL**: Points to the soil below the gravel.
- TAMPAED GRAVEL**: Points to the gravel layer at the base of the post.

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional view of a trench shoring system. The diagram shows a trench with a width of 3'-6" at the top. The shoring system consists of two vertical BRACE POSTS, each 3'-6" high. A horizontal BRACE POST connects the tops of the vertical posts. A STABLE, TYP. is shown at the top of the vertical posts. A STABLE, TYP. is shown at the top of the horizontal brace post. A BRACE WIRE, TYP. is shown connecting the two vertical posts. A TWITCH STICK, TYP. is shown at the top of the vertical posts. A STAPLE, TYP. is shown at the top of the vertical posts. A 45° BRACE PIN, TYP. is shown at the top of the vertical posts. The bottom of the trench is labeled UNDISTURBED SOIL.

Technical drawings of the Double Brace Assembly. The left drawing is a plan view showing a rectangular frame with corner brace posts and corner anchor posts. Dimensions include 2'-6" for the height and 6'-6" for the width. Arrows indicate the "DIRECTION OF PULL". The right drawing is a side elevation showing the double brace assembly with two vertical brace posts and a horizontal brace post. Dimensions include 13'-0" for the total width, 6'-6" for the distance from the center to each brace post, and 3'-0" for the height. A list of components includes: STAPLE, TYP; 3" BRACE PIN, TYP; STAPLE, TYP; HORIZONTAL BRACE POST, TYP; BRACE VARE, TYP; TWITCH STICK, TYP; BRACE POST; and UNDISTURBED SOIL. A note states: "1. DOUBLE BRACE ASSEMBLY TO BE INSTALLED AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE".

15' MAX

WRAP AROUND EACH WIRE

LINE POSTS

UNDISTURBED SOIL

WIRE TIED TO BURIED ANCHORS

NOTES:  
1. DEADMAN ASSEMBLY TO BE INSTALLED

3'-6"

35'-0" MAX

2" MIN

DISTING GRADE

VARIES

VARIES

CABLE & WIRE WITH CABLE CLAMP FOR SECURING TO BRACE POSTS

HINGED FLOOD GATE

SMOOTH WIRE

LODGEPole POST (HORIZONTAL) TIED TO BOTTOM OF FLOOD GATE; SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 16" ABOVE GROUND SURFACE.

**NOTES:**

1. HINGED FLOOD GATE IS TO BE INSTALLED AT ALL LOCATIONS WHERE FLOODING IS GREATER THAN 15'.
2. THIS HINGED FLOOD GATE IS AN EXAMPLE AS HEIGHT MAY VARY DEPENDING ON ORDINARY HIGH WATER.

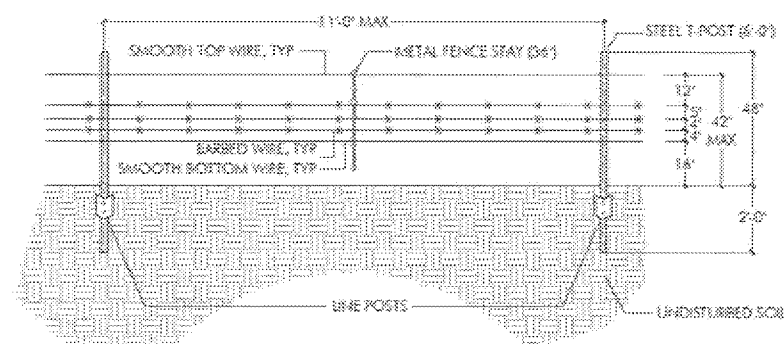
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2. THIS HINGED FLOOD GATE IS GIVEN AS AN EXAMPLE AS HEIGHT AND WIDTH WILL VARY DEPENDING ON CHANNEL, ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK.

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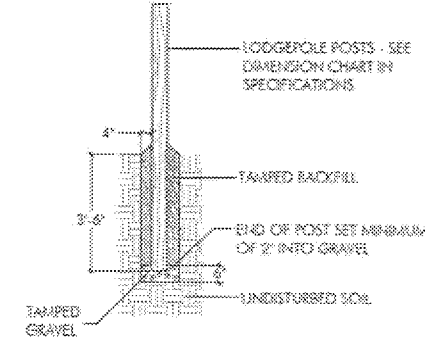
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# WILDLIFE FENCE DETAILS

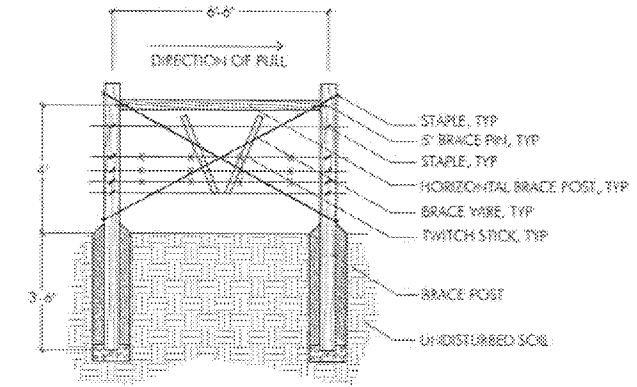


NOTES:  
1. WILDLIFE VISIBILITY MARKERS: EVERY 50 FEET THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IMPLEMENT DURABLE VINYL MARKERS TO INCREASE WIRE VISIBILITY.

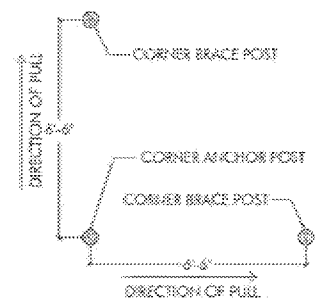
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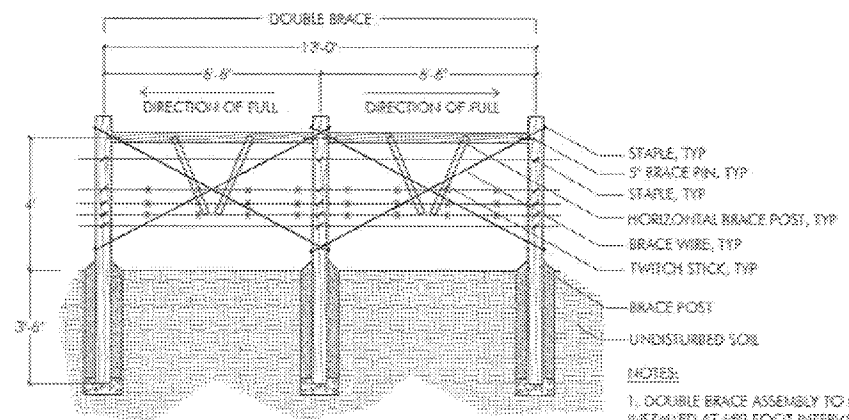
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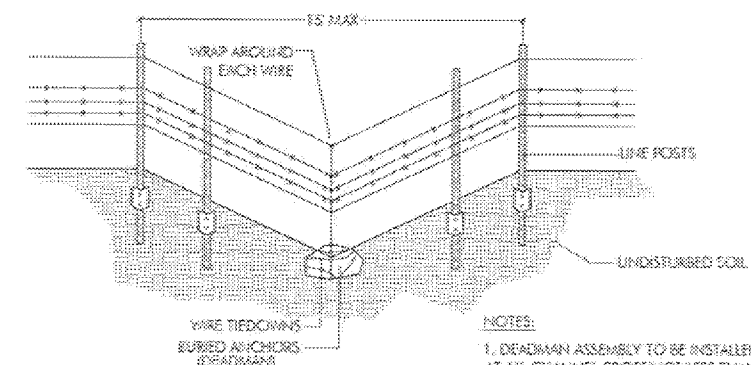


4 CORNER BRACE PLAN VIEW  
NOT TO SCALE



NOTES:  
1. DOUBLE BRACE ASSEMBLY TO BE INSTALLED AT 650 FOOT INTERVALS AND AT ALL TOPOGRAPHIC CHANGES OF 15 PERCENT OR MORE.

5 DOUBLE LINE BRACE SECTION  
NOT TO SCALE



NOTES:  
1. DEADMAN ASSEMBLY TO BE INSTALLED AT ALL CHANNEL CROSSINGS LESS THAN 15 FEET WIDE

6 DEADMAN SECTION  
NOT TO SCALE

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PETERSEN RANCH MITIGATION BANK  
AREA E AS-BUILT SET  
L-5C INTERIOR FENCE DETAILS

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